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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
	:	Examiner: Chong R. Kim
TSUKASA SAKO, ET AL.)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2623
Application No.: 09/408,447)	
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Filed: September 29, 1999)	
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For: IMAGE PROCESSING)	
APPARATUS AND METHOD,	:	
PHOTOGRAPHING SYSTEM,)	
CONTROLLING METHOD FOR	:	
THE SYSTEM, AND)	
COMPUTER-READABLE	:	
MEMORY)	May 17, 2005

Commissioner for Patents
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

- (1) Hasegawa, Toriwaki, and Fukumura, "Software System AISCR-V3 for Automatically Screening of Chest Photofluorograms", IECE Transactions J66-D10, (1983).

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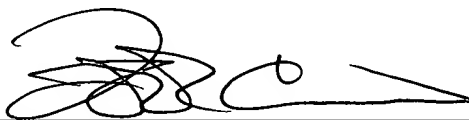
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An English-language abstract accompanies document (1). The concise explanation of relevance for this non-English language document is believed to be satisfied by the enclosed English language abstract. See MPEP § 609.

The subject application has received an Office Action on the merits but has not yet received either a final action or a Notice Of Allowance. Accordingly, this Information Disclosure Statement is accompanied by the requisite \$180.00 fee. The Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 and returning the initialed form to Applicants with the next communication.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office by telephone at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Frank L. Cire', written over a horizontal line.

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OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)		
		Hasegawa, Toriwaki, and Fukumura, "Software System AISC-RV3 for Automatically Screening of Chest Photofluorograms", IECE Transactions J66-D10, (1983), together with English-language abstract.

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